

REMARKS

The first preliminary amendment cancels claims 7-13.

This second preliminary amendment adds an abstract to the application on a separate page and inserts new claims 14-27. No new matter was added. The subject matter of new claims 14-27 correspond to that of claims 7-13, as filed.

After entry of this second preliminary amendment, claims 1-6 and 14-27 are pending. Thus, the pending claims include twenty (20) claims in total, one (1) independent, and no multiple dependent.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of claims 1-6 and 14-27. Charge any additional fees due to our deposit account no. 08-3040.

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